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- 1. The head of the material supply section at an official conference at the State Secretariat: Chemical Industries, on 10 July 1953, announced that allotments of material had to be reduced because the material available was needed for the aluminum plant which was under construction in Eitterfeld. He said that the new plant had to be completed in 1953.
- 2. According to an instruction issued by the Minister Council in mid-July 1953, the target date for putting into operation aluminum electrolytical plant II at the Electrochemical Combine (EKB) in Bitterfeld was 31 December 1573.
- 3. In early July, the metal her extrusion press of the EMP worked at about 4. percent of its capacity. It was therefore discussed whether the processing of cast aluminum at this plant could be expended. No definite decisions ware vet taken.
- During the first six months of 1953, a total of 4,400 tons of aluminum was used for manufacturing semi-finished goods.

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Comment. The target date for the putting into operation aluminum electrolytic plant can protatly be met.

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